

SENATOR GEORGE: No, I just wanted to mention that I did have an amendment pending, I think.

PRESIDENT: Alright. That will come up next then. That is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: The next amendment, Mr. President, is offered by Senator George. It is found on page 1671 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator George.

SENATOR GEORGE: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of this amendment. A similar amendment, which was somewhat more extensive, was offered the other day by Senator Mills. Senator Mills could not be here today. I am offering this amendment now. There was one problem that I believe specifically the Omaha delegation did not understand what this particular amendment was about. Therefore, a lot of senators here did not vote. I hope this time around that you'll all listen and understand what this amendment is about because we cannot pass any amendments here with one delegation not voting, because this is an agricultural issue. If I would do the same thing, as Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, there would be a lot of Omaha bills that wouldn't get any vote here either. I don't think anybody had anything against the amendment, but a lot of people just didn't vote because they were not informed. The amendment is a very simple issue. There are a lot of wheat growers who would simply like to see that any political misuse of the fund is going to be prevented, and we're going to talk about something like \$500,000. The amendment simply provides that within 30 days a wheat grower may apply to get his part of that fund back if he so desires. This has been done the same way with the soybean check-off last year. I checked back on the final vote of the soybean check-off, and 46 people here voted for it. There is absolutely no difference here in this amendment to the one that we had on the soybean check-off. If 46 people voted for this and saw fit to pass that, I think we shouldn't have any problem attaching this amendment to the wheat check-off. It is the same kind of security that the wheat growers want that the soybean growers got. If they feel that this fund that I'm definitely for, for purposes of promoting the wheat sales and research, if this fund should ever be misused that the wheat grower has a chance to opt out. As I mentioned before, there is no difference between this amendment and the one that is already on the soybean check-off. I move for the adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simon.

SENATOR SIMON: Senator George, I just wanted to say that I appreciate your explanation. Senator Cullan was kind enough to provide me with some of this information this morning. It seemed to me that you were making two comments. One seemed to be gently chastizing the delegation, and one saying that you were going to give us the information. I certainly appreciate the information, but I would say since I did not vote in the negative that I did so because I needed more information. I certainly, speaking as one member of this delegation, would hope that it was not your intent, although it came out that way, that you were trying to chastize us. I know that was a slip of the tongue and you didn't mean that.